



Oklahoma Crop Weather

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Row Crop Harvest, Small Grain Planting Continued

Producers across the State continued with field activities as warm and windy weather was experienced last week. Rainfall was received during the week, however, precipitation was scattered. All nine districts received rainfall but less than an inch was received for each district. The East Central district received the most rainfall with 0.72 inches. As result of the little rainfall received, many fields are still in need of moisture. Average temperatures were cooler last week ranging from the mid-to-low seventies. Fifty-seven percent of topsoil moisture conditions were rated in the surplus to adequate range while forty-four percent of subsoil moisture conditions were also rated in the surplus to adequate range. Due to minimal rainfall and warm weather, there were 5.8 days suitable for field work.

Soil Moisture Conditions by Percent

Week Ending Sunday, September 26, 2010

Moisture Rating	Topsoil			Subsoil		
	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Very Short	12	14	8	16	17	9
Short	31	32	12	40	37	18
Adequate	55	52	71	42	44	68
Surplus	2	2	9	2	2	5

Small Grains: Small grain seedbed preparation continued last week, however, additional moisture is needed. **Wheat** seedbed preparation was 81 percent complete by Sunday, and 30 percent of wheat was planted, a 17 point increase from the previous week, but still six points behind normal. **Rye** seedbed preparation reached 91 percent complete and 50 percent of rye was planted by Sunday, ten points behind normal. Sixty-seven percent of **oat** seedbeds were prepared by Sunday while ten percent of oats were planted. **Canola** planting continued across the State with 34 percent complete by the end of the week.

Row Crops: Most row crops continue to be rated mostly in the good to fair range. Virtually all **corn** had matured by Sunday, 11 points ahead of the five-year average. Seventy-six percent of corn was harvested by week's end, 18 points ahead of the average. **Sorghum** coloring reached 90 percent complete, and 55 percent of sorghum had matured by Sunday, 17 points ahead of normal. Sorghum harvest was 24 percent complete by week's end, eight points ahead of normal. Thirty-six percent of the **soybean** crop had matured by Sunday, on track with the five-year average, and nine percent of the crop had been harvested. Sixty-three percent of **peanut** plants had matured by week's end, seven points ahead of normal. **Cotton** bolls opening reached 88 percent complete by week's end, 27 points ahead of normal.

Miscellaneous Crops: The **watermelon** harvest was virtually complete by Sunday.

Hay: The fourth cutting of **alfalfa** was 92 percent complete and the fifth cutting reached 46 percent complete by week's end. The second cutting of **other hay** was 80 percent complete by Sunday, seven points ahead of normal.

Pasture and Range: Pastures and grasses continued to improve and were rated mostly in the good to fair range with three percent rated excellent. There were some reports of fall armyworms across the State.

Livestock: Livestock conditions rated mostly in the good to fair range with nine percent rated excellent. Prices for feeder steers less than 800 pounds averaged \$110 per cwt. Prices for heifers less than 800 pounds averaged \$104 per cwt.

Conditions by Percent

For Week Ending Sunday, September 26, 2010

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Row Crops -					
Sorghum	2	3	29	50	16
Soybeans	2	9	33	46	10
Peanuts	3	1	21	66	9
Cotton	2	10	39	36	13
Hay -					
Alfalfa Hay	6	7	45	40	2
Other Hay	5	11	45	37	2
Livestock, Pasture and Range -					
Livestock	1	4	28	58	9
Pasture and Range	5	18	39	35	3

Crop Progress by Percent

Crop and Event	Week Ending			2005-2009 Average	Crop and Event	Week Ending			2005-2009 Average
	September 26, 2010	September 19, 2010	September 27, 2009			September 26, 2010	September 19, 2010	September 27, 2009	
Wheat -					Soybeans-				
Seedbed Prepared	81	75	88	88	Mature	36	26	28	36
Planted	30	13	31	36	Harvested	9	7	5	14
Emerged	8	N/A	9	11	Peanuts-				
Rye-					Mature	63	48	56	56
Seedbed Prepared	91	86	93	91	Dug	8	N/A	N/A	6
Planted	50	31	60	60	Cotton-				
Oats-					Bolls Opening	88	75	55	61
Seedbed Prepared	67	60	72	70	Alfalfa -				
Planted	10	N/A	13	13	4th Cutting	92	89	90	92
Corn-					5th Cutting	46	43	37	47
Mature	98	92	81	87	Other Hay -				
Harvested	76	64	36	58	2nd Cutting	80	77	70	73
Sorghum-									
Coloring	90	83	89	82					
Mature	55	44	31	38					
Harvested	24	17	6	16					

Weather for Week Ending September 26, 2010: Temperatures ranged from 43 degrees at Beaver and Oilton on Sunday, September 26th, to 95 degrees at Hooker on Tuesday, September 21st. Precipitation ranged from 0.13 inch in the Southwest district, to 0.72 inch in the East Central district. Soil temperature averages ranged from 64 degrees at Miami on Sunday, September 26th, to 86 degrees at Sulphur on Monday, September 20th.

Mesonet Temperature and Precipitation Data

Week Ending Sunday, September 26, 2010

District	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	September 1, 2010 to September 26, 2010		
					Total	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Degrees</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Inches</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Panhandle	85	59	71	0.69	0.93	-0.70	57
West Central	84	65	73	0.59	1.75	-0.88	67
Southwest	85	66	75	0.13	3.08	0.15	105
North Central	84	63	73	0.70	1.91	-0.80	71
Central	84	64	74	0.23	4.07	0.51	114
South Central	83	66	74	0.52	5.84	2.08	155
Northeast	83	62	72	0.70	5.32	1.17	128
East Central	83	64	73	0.72	8.36	4.06	194
Southeast	83	64	74	0.39	4.38	0.42	111